

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for identifying claim 17 as being allowable.

Double Patenting

Claim 12 of the present application is indicated as not patentably distinct over claim 1 of US Patent No. 6,872,212 to Dr. Victor Vines. Claim 12 is presently amended and stands rejected under 35 USC 103. Accordingly, the Applicant will file a terminal disclaimer, if needed, when it is indicated that no further grounds for rejection remain.

Rejections Based on 35 USC 112

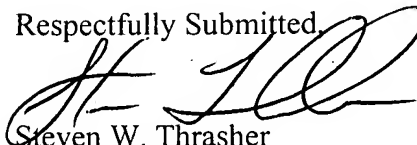
Claims 12-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 112. In particular, in claim 12, the phrase “the vacuum device” lacks antecedent basis. The Applicant has amended claim 12 to state “the suction device.” Claims 14 and 18 stand rejected based on the representation that the specification lacks sufficient description to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention. It is respectfully noted that the claims form part of the specification, and that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand how to make and use the invention upon reading the specification in its entirety. Otherwise, there are not specific rejections articulated with respect to claims 13, or 15-17. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections to the claims based on 35 USC 112 be withdrawn.

Rejections Based on 35 USC 102

Claims 12 –13 and 15 – 16 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as being anticipated by Urion, et al. (Urion). Urion teaches a device for monitoring local physical pressures in the uterine during delivery. However, Urion does not teach, show, or suggest monitoring suction pressure in a suction device, or traction pressures as articulated by the Applicants claims 12 – 13, and 15 –16. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully request that the rejections to the claims under 35 USC 102 be withdrawn.

If the Examiner has any other matters which remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the under signed attorney to resolve these matters by Examiners Amendment where possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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